

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of August 17, 2005.

New Claims 30 and 31 have been added herein.

The Office Action rejected Claims 20-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by the Shimada reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,623,477).

Newly-amended Claims 20 and 25 recite “pre-information which includes address information indicating a position on said information record medium, recorded on said information record medium as an even pre-information or an odd pre-information in each at least one or more than one record information unit for record information, wherein said even pre-information and said odd pre-information are recorded by different patterns”. This language is clearly supported by Fig. 2, and page 21, line 25 – page 22, line 25.

However, Shimada et al. does not disclose these elements as recited in Claims 20 and 25. Shimada et al. in Figs. 1, 3 and 5 is clearly different from the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, Shimada et al. does not disclose the elements of claims 20 and 25. In particular, Shimada et al. neither teaches nor suggests “an even pre-information” or “an odd pre-information” of the presently claimed invention.

Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the combination of features contained therein.

Newly-added Claim 30 recites “pre-information which includes address information indicating a position on said information record medium, recorded on said information record medium as an even pre-information or an odd pre-information in each at least one or more than one synchronization frame unit for record information, wherein said even pre-information and said odd pre-information are recorded by different patterns; said even pre-information is located

according to even number synchronization frame in said synchronization frame; said odd pre-information is located according to odd number synchronization frame in said synchronization frame; even number synchronization frames and odd number synchronization frames are located alternately; one recording sector comprises 26 synchronization frames; and one error correcting code block comprises 16 recording sectors”. This is clearly supported by in Figs. 2, 13 and page 21, line 25 – page 22, line 25.

However, Shimada et al. does not disclose the above-quoted language of Claim 30. Shimada et al. in Figs. 1, 3 and 5 is clearly different from the above-quoted language of Claim 30.

Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the combination of features contained therein.

Similarly, new Claim 31 recites “said even pre-information and said odd pre-information are recorded on an offset positions to the information record track”. This is clearly supported in Fig. 13.

However, Shimada et al. does not disclose the above-quoted language of Claim 31. Shimada et al. (see Figs. 1, 3 and 5) is clearly different from the presently claimed invention.

Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach or otherwise suggest the combination of features contained therein, and that all claims are patentable over the cited art.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending

claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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